

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-39 (Canceled)

40. (Original) An absorbent article for use on the body of a wearer, the absorbent article having a longitudinal axis, a transverse axis, two longitudinal sides, a target zone and a body side, the absorbent article comprising:

- a) a liquid impervious backsheet;
- b) a liquid pervious topsheet attached to the backsheet;
- c) a conformable intake member comprising a pouch containing free-flowing particles;
- d) an outer shaping member laterally surrounding the pouch; and
- e) a wicking barrier between at least a portion of the pouch and the outer shaping member,

wherein the free-flowing particles have a Centrifuge Retention Capacity of about 1.5 g/g or greater.

41. (Original) An absorbent article for use on the body of a wearer, the absorbent article having a longitudinal axis, a transverse axis, two longitudinal sides, a target zone and a body side, the absorbent article comprising:

- a) a liquid impervious backsheet;
  - b) a liquid pervious topsheet attached to the backsheet;
  - c) a conformable intake member comprising a pouch containing free-flowing particles; and
  - d) an outer shaping member laterally surrounding the pouch,
- wherein the free-flowing particles have a Flowability Coefficient of about 2 or greater.

42. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles also have a Centrifuge Retention Capacity of about 1.5 g/g or greater.

43. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the pouch has a width of less than about 5 cm and a length of about 10 cm or greater.

44. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise hardwood nits.

45. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise one of polymeric beads, hollow spheres, and mineral particles.

46. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise at least about 30% nits by weight and no more than about 30% mineral matter by weight.

47. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles are substantially free of clay.

48. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein at least 25% by mass of the free-flowing particles have a particle size above 300 microns.

49. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles have a mean particle size between about 300 microns and about 600 microns.

Claim 50 (Canceled)

51. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the pouch further comprises an odor control agent.

52. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles further comprise one of an odor-control agent, an anti-microbial agent, and a surfactant.

53. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles further comprise an enzyme.

54. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, further comprising superabsorbent particles within the pouch.

55. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise cellulosic fibers and one of a debonder, a lubricant, a silicone compound, and a surfactant.

56. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise cellulosic fibers treated with a quaternary amine debonder agent.

57. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise cellulosic nits with added hydrophobic matter on at least a portion of the surface of the nits.

58. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 41, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise cellulosic nits treated with 0.02% to 4% by weight of added hydrophobic matter, based on the total weight of the free-flowing particles and added hydrophobic matter.

Claim 59 (Canceled)

60. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the wicking barrier is a polymeric film.

61. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise hardwood nits.

62. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the pouch has a width of less than about 5 cm and a length of about 10 cm or greater.

63. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise one of polymeric beads, hollow spheres, and mineral particles.

64. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise at least about 30% nits by weight and no more than about 30% mineral matter by weight.

65. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles are substantially free of clay.

66. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein at least 25% by mass of the free-flowing particles have a particle size above 300 microns.

67. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles have a mean particle size between about 300 microns and about 600 microns.

68. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the pouch further comprises an odor control agent.

69. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles further comprise one of an odor-control agent, an anti-microbial agent, and a surfactant.

70. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles further comprise an enzyme.

71. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, further comprising superabsorbent particles within the pouch.

72. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise cellulosic fibers and one of a debonder, a lubricant, a silicone compound, and a surfactant.

73. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise cellulosic fibers treated with a quaternary amine debonder agent.

74. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise cellulosic nits with added hydrophobic matter on at least a portion of the surface of the nits.

75. (New) The absorbent article of Claim 40, wherein the free-flowing particles comprise cellulosic nits treated with 0.02% to 4% by weight of added hydrophobic matter, based on the total weight of the free-flowing particles and added hydrophobic matter.